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TOKYO FOR E. ASHBY (NSFLO)  
DEPARTMENT PASS BARTOCHA (NSF)

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TAGS: TGEN, EWRG, KS  
SUBJECT: KOREA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FOUNDATION (KOSF)

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1. REGARDING NSF - KOSF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, THE KOREA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FOUNDATION WAS FORMALLY FOUNDED BY COURT REGISTRATION ON MAY 18, 1977. MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHOI HYUNG-SUP IS KOSF CHAIRMAN; SOGANG UNIVERSITY VICE PRESIDENT CHOI SANG-UP IS KOSF VICE CHAIRMAN. SIGNING CAN THEN PROCEED AS PLANNED.
2. ROK GOVERNMENT FINANCING OF 1977 KOSF ACTIVITIES AMOUNTS TO 1.04 MILLION DOLLARS OF WHICH \$300,000 IS TO BE COMMITTED TO FOUNDATION PROJECTS, INCLUDING JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMS WITH COUNTERPART FOREIGN FOUNDATIONS, DURING 1977. KOSF FINANCING FROM GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SOURCES THROUGH 1981 IS TARGETED AT 55.6 MILLION DOLLARS.
3. MR. HYONG-KI KIM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF KOSF WILL SIGN NSF-KOSF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON MAY 24.

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